Balochistan PA seeks end to harassment of traders from Pishin, Chaman

Joint resolution adopted; committee formed to take up matter with Sindh govt

By Saleem Shahid

QUETTA: The provincial assembly on Monday adopted a joint resolution against the alleged harassment of 'people of Balochistan', mainly Pashtun traders from Pishin, Chaman, Khanozai, Zhob, Muslim Bagh, Loralai, and Quetta who frequently travel to Karachi and other parts of Sindh for business.

The treasury and opposition benches expressed their serious concern over the situation and called for immediate engagement with the Sindh government to ensure the protection of all people of Balochistan.

JUI-F lawmaker Asghar Tareen moved the resolution in the Balochistan Assembly, which met here an hour behind the schedule on Monday, with Speaker Abdul Khaliq Achakzai in the chair.

Mr Tareen alleged that Sindh police and land mafia groups in Karachi had been "unnecessarily harassing" these businessmen in an attempt to force them to shut down their establishments and return to Balochistan. Such actions were causing economic losses and undermining interprovincial harmony and national unity, he added.

He urged the Bugti government to immediately approach the Sindh government to immediately stop injustices and ensure safety for Pashtuns and other residents of Balochistan working in Sindh.

Speaking on the admissibility of the resolution, Mr Tareen said that 90pc of Karachi's tea and food hotels were run by Pashtuns from Balochistan. He stressed that despite PPP governing both Sindh and Balochistan, Pashtuns were being arrested, harassed, and subjected to raids where legally purchased goods were falsely labeled as smuggled items. Many were detained without FIRs, he added.

He requested that a committee of government and opposition members be formed to negotiate with the Sindh government.

Senior minister and PPP parliamentary leader Mir Sadiq Umrani responded that PPP had always provided employment opportunities without discrimination and that recent actions were taken on federal directives against illegal businesses and undocumented Afghan migrants. He assured the House that the Sindh government would be approached and asked Mr Tareen to withdraw his resolution.

Also, Agriculture Minister Mir Ali Hassan Zehri said the operations were conducted on federal instructions, not the provincial authorities. He assured the House of his readiness to discuss the matter with President Zardari and the Sindh government.

ANP parliamentary leader Zmarak Khan Achakzai claimed that the harassment of Pashtuns in Karachi was not new and had been ongoing since the 1980s. He insisted that Pashtuns were being unfairly targeted and their businesses forcibly shut down. He also called for a joint committee to engage the Sindh authorities.

Jamaat-i-Islami MPA Maulana Hidayatur Rehman Baloch demanded that the resolution be expanded to include all people of Balochistan — not only Pashtuns — since citizens from various districts visited Karachi for trade, labor, and medical treatment, where they too faced humiliation.

National Party MPA Khair Jan Baloch added that Baloch traders and laborers were also subjected to harassment in Karachi.

BAP's Prince Agha Umar Ahmedzai requested that the Speaker turn the resolution into a joint resolution and form a body under his supervision. Parliamentary Secretary Barkat Ali Rind supported the proposal, noting that people from Balochistan were being detained and searched without justification.

PML-N's Zarak Khan Mandokhail also backed the resolution, saying that legal goods belonging to Balochistan traders were being seized without reason.

JUI-F's Syed Zafar Agha urged the Speaker to contact his counterpart in the Sindh Assembly and establish a committee.

ANP's Malik Naeem Bazai said that millions of Pashtuns live in Karachi and many had their businesses forcefully closed. He demanded immediate action.

Responding to the debate, CM Bugti endorsed the formation of a committee to hold talks with the Sindh government on the issue.

AJK gets its fourth PM in as many years

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— were present.

PM Haq entered the hall a little later, accompanied by his four 'forward bloc' cabinet colleagues.

Three other members of the bloc, including Deputy Speaker Chaudhry Riaz, as well as the opposition Jammu Kashmir Peoples Party's lone member, stayed away. Muslim Conference (MC) president Sardar Attique Khan briefly attended the session, but left before voting began.

Mr Haq delivered his speech and then left the house along with his four colleagues, before speeches by three other leaders. Voting then took place through a show of hands.

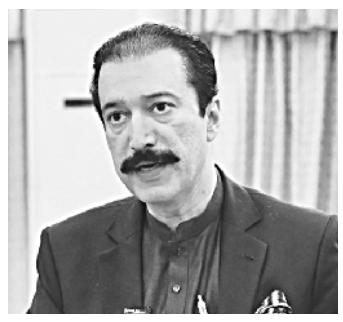
A total of 36 members from the PPP and PML-N raised their hands in favour of the no-trust resolution, while the two opposition members voted against it. The speaker then declared the motion had carried and announced the election of Mr Rathore as the new leader of the house.

The 47-year-old prime minister-elect, dressed in a dark grey kameez shalwar and a black coat, shook hands with or embraced lawmakers in the front row — including the two lone PTI legislators — as he proceeded to take the leader of the house's seat.

In his speech at the close of the session, Mr Rathore thanked Allah "for placing a heavy responsibility on the shoulders of a political worker," adding that divine responsibility always came with the strength to fulfil it.

He pledged administrative reforms, financial discipline, and civil society engagement, promising results within six to seven months.

He acknowledged that outgoing PM Chaudhry Anwarul Haq had, "in a rare gesture," welcomed the incoming premier as he departed. However, he remarked that the former premier's "pen would move only after an earthquake-like situation befell the region" — a veiled



RAJA Faisal Mumtaz Rathore

reference to the massive JAAC-led agitations that resulted in several deaths.

Conceding that "we too made some wrong decisions," he said the JAAC was a "reality that must be recognised."

He pledged to address public issues strictly within available resources. "Some matters could have been resolved earlier but were delayed. As prime minister, I pledge that there will be no delay from my pen," he vowed.

Rejecting claims of privilege, he said his father owned just one house, which he sold to fund his campaign later. He invited asset scrutiny even after his term.

Describing the current political environment — marked by protest movements and weakened leadership — as a major challenge, he stressed the need to strengthen AJK's relationship with Pakistan.

The newly elected prime minister said that the public would see change not only in faces but in the system itself.

The new premier will take oath at the President's House on Tuesday (today).

Earlier, it was believed that the oath would be administered by President Barrister Sultan Mahmood.

However, reports suggested that the president may not be able to travel to Muzaffarabad owing to his health issues, and that the LA Speaker would perform this duty on his behalf.

FCC kicks off proceedings amid space constraints

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entrance to designate it as such.

Meanwhile, IHC Chief Justice Sardar Muhammad Sarfraz Dogar will continue holding court in his original Courtroom No. 1, located above the FCC's main courtroom.

Formal proceedings began at 10:12am, with Bench-I hearing around five cases in half an hour. During the hearing, those present in the courtroom could hear discomforting sounds such as the dragging of furniture.

"With the Federal Shariat Court (FSC) refusing to hand over its building, and the FCC already reeling from myriad teething problems due to sharing its establishment with the IHC, this is the only court in the country without a formal building of its own," commented a senior counsel on condition of anonymity. He added that even the rooms allocated for law officers have yet to be refurbished.

He further confided that there was a strong possibility that the IHC may revert to its old G-10 premises early next year, possibly in January, since litigants face difficulties entering the Red Zone to pursue their cases. The move would also ease logistical issues for lawyers who must shuttle between the district courts and the high court to file bail applications, appeals, etc.

There is also a possibility that a meeting of the Judicial Commission of Pakistan (JCP) may be called soon to consider the confirmation of Justice Miangul Hassan Aurangzeb, who was elevated as an acting judge of the Supreme Court on Feb 14 this year.

The counsel also disclosed that during hearings in one FCC courtroom, a lawyer was told that the FCC should be their first priority and that they should appear before it before attending cases at the Supreme Court.

Cases' hearing

On Monday, three different FCC benches heard cases. Bench-I comprised FCC Chief Justice Aminuddin Khan, Justice Ali Baqar Najafi and Justice Arshad Hussain Shah. Bench-II included Justice Syed Hasan Azhar Rizvi and Justice Muhammad Karim Khan Agha, while Bench-III consisted of Justice Aamir Farooq and Justice Rozi Khan Barrech.

Meanwhile, Bench-I, while taking up a case relating to the change of status of an amenity plot, stayed the Aug 26, 2025 Sindh High Court judgement and issued notices to various respondents, adjourning further proceedings until Nov 27.

Declaring the matter a public-interest case, the FCC also directed the SHC not to proceed with a contempt of court case against the Karachi Metropolitan Corporation (KMC), which some respondents had moved before the high court.

The KMC, through its mayor, had challenged the SHC decision that declared void and illegal the corporation's May 19 resolution allowing public-private partnership agreements under rental arrangements to initiate commercial activities on nine different amenity plots.

In the first round of litigation, the petitioners had questioned the conversion of nine Karachi amenity plots into sports grounds for commercial use, for which exorbitant usage fees were being charged.

The plots include Jheel Park, Hill Park, Umer Sharif Park, Bagh Ibn-i-Qasim, KMC Sports Complex, Hosh Muhammad Sheedi Park, St-4 Clifton Block 2, St-15 Clifton Block 1, and St-19 Clifton Block 1.

The petitioners argued that the SHC judgement was unwarranted in law and had created an administrative and executive vacuum. They contended that the verdict was based on presumptions and relied on precedents not applicable to the present issue. Most importantly, they argued, it failed to consider the contours of public purpose as presently relevant to ground realities.

LG bill to return as 28th Amendment: MQM

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perks or packages, but for one point only — local government empowerment through constitutional reform".

He said the party's agreement with the PML-N contained no personal or political demands other than support for the amendment. According to him, the MQM-P initially attempted to table the bill during the 26th Amendment process but lacked the numbers.

"When the 27th Amendment came up, all major parties, except the PPP, backed MQM-P's draft, creating a deadlock," he said. "The prime minister then asked us to momentarily defer the matter in national interest. This bill is not dead. It survived after the 26th Amendment, and it remains alive after the 27th Amendment. It will return to parliament in the coming months."

Mr Kamal also claimed that he and party convener Dr Khalid Maqbool Siddiqui had agreed that if the bill was not presented in cabinet, MQM-P would still vote for the 27th Amendment to avoid negative optics but would resign from ministries afterward in protest. "However, the federal cabinet itself endorsed the bill, and Law Minister Azam Nazeer Tarar publicly announced full support," he said.

The MQM-P leader argued that denying administrative and financial powers at the grassroots fuels deprivation and unrest, especially in geographically vast regions.

"For instance, in Balochistan, an MNA needs three days to travel across his constituency. How will people's needs be met without empowered local governments? Deprivation leads people to the mountains, and then the state sends the military to control the situation," he warned.

Highlighting "Karachi's long-standing financial grievances," Mr Kamal said the city directly received 2.5 per cent of GST until 2006, and later one-sixth of GDP allocation at the district level.

"But after the 7th NFC Award in 2010, all funds began landing in the Chief Minister's House. Karachi should have received Rs850 billion this year but did not even receive Rs100bn. In the last 17 years, Karachi has suffered losses worth Rs3,000bn," he claimed.

Sharjeel responds

Sindh Senior Minister Sharjeel Inam Memon said the MQM-P minister had levelled baseless allegations against the PPP in an unprepared press conference. He said MQM-P's politics had already faded and that this was an unsuccessful attempt to revive it. According to him, the MQM-P boycotted the local government elections after assessing ground realities and anticipating certain defeat.

Addressing a press conference alongside provincial minister Syed Nasir Hussain Shah, Mr Memon said the 27th Amendment originated from a tweet by Chairman Bilawal Bhutto-Zardari. He said many of these points were never accepted by the PPP, and that Mr Bhutto-Zardari's tweet made no mention of local bodies. He added that the MQM-P should end its politics of hostility and adopt a constructive approach, asserting that the PPP is the strongest guarantor of provincial rights.

In response to a question, Mr Memon said the division of Sindh was impossible and that no force in the world could divide it.

Speaking about development projects, Nasir Shah said the chief minister had visited the city on Sunday and that all projects were progressing rapidly. He said notable improvements were taking place across Sindh, particularly in Karachi, where cleanliness work had improved and upgrading projects were under way in all towns. He added that the government was committed to transforming Karachi into a modern city.

28th Amendment possible

While speaking to reporters in Chiniot, Adviser to the PM on Political Affairs Rana Sanaullah on Monday said that 28th Amendment, dealing with "public issues such as local bodies, population, the National Finance Commission … health-related issues", could be introduced if there is political consensus. "There is a need to review how we can better serve the people according to the present needs of the provinces and the Centre," he said, adding that this was being debated and if there was any consensus, then the 28th Amendment could be brought forward.

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PD/IDP/PT/32127/25	Environmental, social and governance (ESG) consultancy services	08 Dec, 2025 1500 hrs.
PD/O&M/PT/32131/25	Supply of explosion proof lights & fixtures	08 Dec, 2025 1500 hrs.
PD/E&C/PT/32136/25	2D seismic data acquisition (dynamite and vibroseis) and in-field processing services in Sui and Sui North blocks, Balochistan on call out agreement basis	17 Dec, 2025 1500 hrs.
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PD/IDP/PT/31989/25	External liaison support services	28 Oct, 2025	04 Dec, 2025 1500 hrs.

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